Filling up the posts of Judges in Guwahati High Court

* 344. SHRI LALHMINGLIANA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government to fill up three posts of Judges in the Guwahati High Court which arose due to the transfer of Judges to other High courts during mid 1990s by making new appointments or by repatriating the transferred Judges; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Pursuant to the transfer policy, 4 Judges of the Gauhati High Court were transferred to outside High Courts between 1991 and 1997. These vacancies were filled by transferring some Judges from the outside High Courts.

Proposals for transfer/repatriation of Judges are made by the Chief Justice of India in terms of the Supreme Court Judgement of October 06, 1993 read with the Advisory Opinion of October 28, 1998. The Government did not receive any proposal for their reversion to the parent High Court.

Export of mangoes

*345. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has tremendous potential to export mangoes to US, Japan and other far-east countries;

(b) if so, the details of mangoes exported in the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India is facing several barriers because of treatment procedures;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to overcome these non-tarrif barriers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) India has potential for export of mangoes to countries all over the world including US, Japan and other far-east countries;

(b) State-wise export data is not maintained for any commodity. The total quantities and value of export of mango during the last three years are as under:

Year	Qty (MTs)	Value (Rs. lakhs)
1999-2000	34631	7154.91
2000-2001	37110	6860.70
2001-2002	44429	8099.13

(Source : DGCI&S)

(c) and (d) India is facing non-tarrif barriers from some countries like Japan, USA and Australia on account of presence of fruits flies in India Mangoes.

(e) Vapour Heat Treatment plant has been set up to overcome the problems of exporting mangoes to Japan. Similarly, discussions are underway with the Australian and the USA authorities to allow export of mangoes.

Chinese FDI proposals

*346. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have put Chinese FDI proposals on hold; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside India) Regulations, 2000, do not stipulate any country-specific restrictions with regard to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from China. All proposals made